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MEMORANDUM FOR

OCT 07 1970

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: PFIAB Recommendation for an Estimate on Sino-Soviet Hostilities

Some time ago the PFIAB sent me a memorandum recommending that a National Intelligence Estimate be prepared on Sino-Soviet hostilities. The Estimate would cover the timing, nature, scope, duration and possible outcome of Soviet military operations against China, plus a discussion of the implications of such hostilities for our own interests.

I think this is probably a good idea and join in the recommendation that we start such an estimate soon as possible. Your staff may want to talk with PFIAB about this and also talk over the details with my staff. I realize the Estimate would have to be quite speculative, of course, but it could be helpful in highlighting some of the contingencies that we might face.

(Signed) HENRY A. KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PRESIDENT'S
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger (Signed)

SUBJECT: NIE on Sino-Soviet Hostilities

The Board's recommendation for a new NIE on the various aspects of Sino-Soviet hostilities strikes me as a good idea and quite timely. I have sent a memorandum to Mr. Helms passing along the Board's recommendations (copy Tab A).

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October 1, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: William G. Hyland

SUBJECT: Request for National Intelligence Estimate on
Sino-Soviet War

As you requested I have redone this package. There is a memorandum to Mr. Helms asking for an NIE, and a note to the PFIAB Executive Secretariat informing them of your action.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign memorandum to Helms at Tab A.

That you sign memorandum to PFIAB at Tab B.

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